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MEETING NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

The Farm House Cafe
 3461 S. 84th St.
 (84th & Grover in Westgate Plaza)
 Omaha, Nebraska

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cash Bar & Election of Directors
(Order from the menu by 6:30 p.m.)

7:00 p.m. Dinner

7:45 p.m. Reports

RSVP no later than Friday, Feb. 10th to attend the dinner and/or meeting. Contact Sue Volkmer at drsuz1990@yahoo.com or call her at 402-651-0884

PROGRAM

“Discussion of future NKC Activities”

ELECTION

Election of three members to the NKC Board of Directors will take place at this meeting. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO VOTE.** No proxies or mail-in ballots will be accepted. Resumes of the candidates appear on page 7.

REPORTS

All NKC Committee and Officers Annual Reports will be read at this meeting. If you are a committee chair or officer and unable to attend, please email your report to tekhoe@hotmail.com or mail it to Elly Rensink, President, 12404 Calhoun Rd., Omaha, NE 68152.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR MARCH GROWLER: March 9, 2012

SECRETARY'S REPORT

CORRECTED JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 4, 2012
Nebraska Humane Society
90th and Fort, Omaha, Nebraska

Attending: Elly Rensink, Sandy Orr, Pat Leyendecker, Jan Hague, Dawn Hall, Sue Volkmer, Cheryl Morris, Tim Bourke, Debby Stokley, Barbara Hill

Absent: Jenni Toebben, Pam Swisher

Guest: Shelly Rehmeier

President, Elly Rensink called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Elly advised the Board that Council Bluffs had won \$1,000 for their AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day. Secretary Barbara Hill was request to send a congratulations card to the Council Bluffs Kennel Club.

Shelly provided a written financial report for the most recent tracking test held November 13, 2011 which reflected a profit of \$107.23. Judge, Jane Jonas sent the club a thank you card. 1 dog passed. Secretary Barbara Hill delivered to Shelly AKC's application for a future tracking test. Joe Bradley took photos. A possible future fund raiser could be organized to do photos of members/and or dog owners for a fee.

Secretary, Barbara Hill had e-mailed the minutes of the November 2011 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Cheryl Morris and seconded by Sue Volkmer to approve the Minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer, Debby Stokley had e-mailed the October and November Financial Reports to the board. A motion was made by Sandy Orr and seconded by Dawn Hall to file for record the Treasurer's Reports with the Secretary. Debby also provided a draft of the July 2011 show report. A few minor items are outstanding and Deb anticipates a complete report will be available in February 2012. Deb also agreed to clarify some items in the report.

1st Vice President, Sue Volkmer advised the Board that she has arranged for a member from Douglas County Canine Unit to present the program at the January 18, 2012 General Meeting.

2nd Vice President, Jan Hague had no new applications for membership.

AKC Delegate, Jenni Tobben absent – no report

2012 show report: The Onofrio Contract was reviewed. Debby is to contact Mary Beth and/or Tiffany Fields to clarify the phrase in the contract that says the host club is to provide public exercise pens. Upon satisfactory clarification the Board felt the contract was OK. The executed Joint-Venture Agreement was provided for review. Debby is to provide a copy of the Century Link contract to the Secretary.

The Board discussed plans in the event 2012 show is a loss.

Committee Reports:

Herding: No discussion

Tracking: See above

Training Classes: No information from Companion Dog Club. Elly is to follow up.

Web Site: To reduce expenses to the club, the NKC Board decided to temporarily not have the site up dated.

Old Business:

Cheryl advised that she is unable to chair an Agility Trial in the summer of 2012.

Pat Leyendecker is waiting for a return call from Warner Park about a future concession fund raiser.

New business:

Pat Leyendecker is actively searching for a site to hold an Obedience/Rally trial. Gerianne Darnell has offered her building which is 42 x 70, fully matted for \$250 per day per an e-mail rec'd Nov 10, 2011.

The NKC Membership has requested the Membership Roster be provided to the members of NKC. The Board felt the Membership Roster could be provided by e-mail to the membership.

The Board by consensus agreed to hold the annual February Dinner and Sue Volkmer will obtain a site. All expenses for this event will be covered by those attending.

The following expenses were authorized to be paid by the Board. Growler Expense; insurance expense for Liability policy and Directors and Officers policy; \$48.00 refund to Rottweiler Rescue from Iowa for July 2011 booth, 2011 Agility Ribbon in amount of \$33.25; final installments due Companion Dog Club for sub let of conformation training ring for 2011. The following expenses were to be eliminated: Storage Unit effective January 2012; separate mailing for dues notice; plaque expense; renewal of the 3 year bond policy in the amount of \$145 per year.

A motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Debby to adjourn at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hill, Secretary

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 18, 2012
Nebraska Humane Society
90th and Fort, Omaha, Nebraska

The General Meeting was called to order at 7 PM. Sue Volkmer introduced Dave Wintle from the Douglas County Sheriff's Department and his canine partner Kubo. Dave and Kubo presented a very informative program about how they conduct criminal interdiction on Interstate 80.

There were 21 members present and 1 guest.

The business meeting was called to order at 9 PM by President, Elly Rensink.

The most recent general membership minutes of October 2011 had been published in the Growlers Gazette. A motion was made by Dona Rosales and seconded by Cheryl Morris to approve the minutes as published. The motion carried.

Treasurer report – The treasure was ill and there was no report.

2nd Vice President, Jan Hague read for membership the application from Jane Woodson who is sponsored by Elly Rensink and Barbara Hill. Jane has Bouviers and Shih Tzu. She is interested in Conformation and Obedience.

Jenni Toebben, 2012 show chair advised that the contracts are in the mail to the judges. Jenni also clarified that agility entry fees are refunded only when the entry is cancelled prior to the closing date of the Agility Trial.

Elly advised the membership that in an effort to conserve funds the NKC web site is not being up dated. It was felt NKC needed a way to communicate to the public. Barbara Hill was requested to contact Paula Steenson and to have NKC's face book page up dated allowing Cheryl Morris to be NKC's administrator of NKC Face book.

Donna Rosales recommended some modifications to the Education site at the up coming show.

Sharon reminded everyone that the deadline for the upcoming Growlers Gazette is February 3, 2012 and she will need written resumes from all newly nominated board members.

Shelly Rehmeier, Chair of this years tracking event thanked all who assisted in the event and summarized how the event went.

Elly advised that there will be no conformation training in January and February.

The following nominations to the NKC Board were made:

Dawn Hall was nominated by Elly Rensink.

Elly Rensink was nominated by Jenni Toebben

Ron Weeks was nominated by Tim Bourke

Margie Thurber was nominated by Tim Bourke

There were no more nominations and President Elly Rensink closed the nominations.

A general discussion followed how to economize NKC's funds. It was determined that a request would be inserted in the next newsletter to the membership asking for input to determine NKC's future. Shelly Rehmeier agreed to contact 1st Vice President Sue Volkmer to send a similar notice by e-mail and Shelly would send the same notice by regular mail to those members who do not have computers prior to the annual meeting.

Shelly also requested the Board put on the agenda for the February board meeting requesting approval to holding a Tracking Test in November 2012.

A motion was made by Dona Rosales and seconded by Diane Krantz to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hill, Secretary

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Nebraska Humane Society

90th and Fort, Omaha, Nebraska

The meeting was called to order by President, Elly Rensink at 7 PM.

Attending: Elly Rensink, Cheryl Morris, Pam Swisher, Pat Leyendecker, Sandy Orr, Dawn Hall, Debby Stokley, Sue Volkmer, Barbara Hill

Absent: Jenni Toebben, Tim Bourke, Jan Hauge

Guest: Jean Lien and Linda Lewis

Linda and Jean addressed NKC's Board about the future of the Cluster.

Secretary Barbara Hill had e-mailed the January 2012 Board minutes. A motion was made by Sue and seconded by Dawn to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion carried.

An e-mail had been rec'd from Kathy Matter of Cedar Bluff's inquiring about obedience and agility training for her new Australian Sheppard puppy. The secretary was requested to provide the names of Nebraska Kennel Club, Cheryl Morris, Companion Dog Club, Go Dogs and Bonafide. Sue Volkmer is to provide the name of a local contact for SAR to pass through information about applying for a grant from AKC.

Debby Stokley disbursed written December 2011 financials to the Board. A motion was made by Sue and seconded by Pam that the December Treasurer's report be filed of record with the Secretary. Debby also provided copies of Paula Presents Lewis and Clark Cluster contract and the Century Link contract. The Jack Onofrio Contact and Joint Venture Agreement had been provided at an earlier meeting.

Debby provided a written breakdown of the requested show report items of Agility Trial expense, Booth expense, Rent and Staffing expense and Equipment rental expense.

1st Vice President, Sue Volkmer reminded the Board that she needs to know in advance who will be attending the February annual meeting.

2nd Vice President, Jan Hauge was absent. Elly had the new application from Jane Woodson who had attended the January 2012 general membership meeting. The board recommended this application for membership.

AKC Delegate Jenni Toebben was absent. The secretary was instructed to e-mail Jenni to determine if she can vote on the upcoming Group Realignment proposal if she is not in attendance of the AKC March delegate's meeting.

Tracking Test for 2012. The Board did not act on this agenda item.

A motion was made by Debby and seconded by Dawn to agree to split all new conformation training class fee's equally with Companion Dog Club for 2012 and NKC will not be paying any rent. The motion carried.

The secretary was instructed to send a Thank You card to Companion Dog club thanking them for working with NKC on the sharing of fees for conformation training.

It was moved by Pam and seconded by Dawn to commence paying Paula and Tom Steenson to up date the Web Page for the next 4 months. The motion carried.

Secretary Barbara Hill was requested to contact Charity UpChurch and advise her that NKC is unable to waive the payment of dues in lieu of her providing refreshments at the club's general membership meetings.

A motion was made by Sue and seconded by Pam to do a mailing of a new brochure promoting NKC's conformation training classes with the cost of the mailing not to exceed \$100. Rather than use club money, some board members donated from their own funds a total of \$85.00. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hill,, Secretary

TROPHY ROOM



Three D Captain Crunch – Sussex Spaniel
Co-owned and handled by Jenni Toebben

American Spaniel Club's – Flushing Spaniel Club –

Jan. 8, 2012

Winner's Dog and Best in Sweepstakes

---Submitted by Jenni Toebben

Sasquatch Harper's Homer - Basset

Owners: Tom & Medora Harper and Barbara Brandt. Handled by Medora Harper

St. Joseph KC Feb. 4, 2012 BW, WD 1 pt.

St. Joseph KC Feb. 5, 2012 BW, WD 1 pt.

--- Submitted by Medora Harper

CONGRATULATIONS!!

CONFORMATION TRAINING CLASSES

WHEN: Every **Monday** except major holiday.

LOCATION: **Companion Dog Club**
 10800 N. 72 Street
 Omaha, NE

TIME: **7 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

COST: \$2.00 per Junior Handler
 3.00 per puppy
 5.00 per adult dog (over 12 months)

NOTE: Classes may be divided depending upon class size that evening.

The following Training Cards are offered for 1 year:

- 5 training sessions for adult dogs at a discount of \$22.50
- 10 training sessions for adult dogs at a discount of \$45.00
- 5 training sessions for puppies at a discount of \$13.50
- 10 training sessions for puppies at a discount of \$27.00

Each punch represents 1 dog per session.

There will be no refunds for lost cards.

CONTACT THE GROWLER EDITOR

- ◆ If you have something to contribute for the betterment of the dog fancy that you would like published in the **Growler**, please contact the **Growler Editor**.
- ◆ If you have a show win that you would like to brag about, information regarding an upcoming dog event, or poem, etc. to share with others, please contact the **Growler Editor**.

- ◆ If you are the Chair of an NKC committee and would like to inform the membership of the committee's activities, please contact the **Growler Editor**.
- ◆ If you have a photo of your dog to put in the **Growler**, please contact the **Growler Editor**.
- ◆ If you have something for the **Growler**, please contact the **Growler Editor**: **Sharon Bourke, 402-391-5069**, or e-mail: omahasb@aol.com

DUES ARE DUE

Your 2012 NKC membership dues are due at the close of the **Annual Meeting, February 15, 2012.**

\$20.00 per Regular Membership, per person

Make checks payable to **Nebraska Kennel Club** and fill out the **2012 Dues Notice** that was in the January Growler.

Mail to:
Deb Stokley, Treasurer
P. O. Box 34241
Omaha, NE 68134



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FOR NKC CANDIDATES BOARD OF DIRECTORS



THE FOLLOWING RESUMES OF THE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEBRASKA KENNEL CLUB ARE SUBMITTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR CONSIDERATION.

Dawn Hall I have been showing dogs for most of my life, including junior showmanship when I was younger. My breeds I currently own are Newfoundlands and Borzoi, however, I have handled several other breeds to their championship as well. I also enjoy Large Gazehound Straight Racing and Lure Coursing. I have been a trainer for NKC for approximately 10 years, and volunteer every year to help at the NKC show. I am also a charter member of the Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha, and have served on the Board, as Vice-President and then President in 2010/2011. Our club most recently held our National Specialty in Lawrence, KS in April 2011, and also put on our very first Specialty in conjunction with the NKC show last July. I was elected last year to serve on the NKC Board of Directors when a position became available, and would like to continue to serve on the Board.

---Submitted by Dawn Hall

Elly Rensink: I saw my first Bouvier des Flandres in Des Moines, IA he was 4 months old. My husband, Kenny, and I were at the Des Moines Kennel Club dog show waiting for the groups to begin when the puppy and his owner walked towards us. I told Kenny “We must have that puppy for he will be a Best In Show dog”. This puppy later became CH Deewal Candidate of Qupie (Bo). He went on to be the youngest Bouvier in the 1980’s to win a Best In Show.

My fascination and love for the breed began with Bo. Since then I have bred many title holding Bouviers under my registered kennel name “Tekhoe”, including my first BIS dog CH Tekhoe’s Earning His Way (Ernie). I strive to breed healthy, versatile dogs that have the temperament to be good companions, as well as, successful show dogs. The dogs I have bred are involved in Obedience, Agility, Tracking, Herding, and Therapy work along with Conformation.

In my 27 years as a professional handler I had the privilege of showing many fine Bouviers, including Best In Show winners CH Quiches Ivanhoe and CH Gailbraith’s Eye Spy. I was also on the Board of Directors of the Professional Handlers Association for 4 years. I have now begun the next phase of my career in dogs as an AKC Judge. I am authorized to judge 12 breeds including my beloved Bouvier des Flandres.

---Submitted by Elly Rensink

Margie Thurber: Withdrew her nomination

Ron Weeks: I have shown dogs in Conformation, Obedience and Agility earning titles of CH, CDX, and MX. I have served on the NKC board for two terms in the late 80’s and early 90’s, this included two years as first vice president. I have also served on the board of Companion Dog Club including the office of President. I am a Charter member of the Greater Omaha Terrier Association and a current board member.

---Submitted by Ron Weeks



NKC Standing Committees

2012 Show Chair	Jenni Toebben
Education	Dona Rosales
Growler Editor	Sharon Bourke
Training Director	Elly Rensink
Community Outreach	Vacancy
NKC/AKC Legislative Liaison	Sandy Orr
Tracking	Shelly Rehmeier
Strategic Planning	Tim Bourke
Meeting Refreshments	Charity Upchurch
Specialty Coordinator	Sandy Orr

NKC **2012 Calendar of Events**



February 15	Annual Meeting
March 7	Board Meeting
March 21	General Meeting
April 4	Board Meeting
April 18	General Meeting
May 2	Board Meeting
May 16	General Meeting
June 6	Board Meeting
June 20	General Meeting
July	Board Meeting
August 1	Board Meeting
August 15	General Meeting
September 5	Board Meeting
September 19	General Meeting
October 3	Board Meeting
October 17	General Meeting
November 7	Board Meeting
November 15 – 18	Lewis & Clark Cluster Dog Shows
December 5	Board Meeting

Note: List subject to change

--Sharon Bourke, Editor



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